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HUNDREDS FLOCK TO AYCLIFFE'S OKTOBERFEST

Organisers behind the region's biggest engineering and manufacturing expo are already making plans for next year - the event's tenth birthday. Last Thursday saw hundreds of people from across the region descend on the Xcel Centre in Newton Aycliffe for Durham Oktoberfest.

Businesses from a diverse range of sectors took the opportunity to showcase their capabilities to potential customers and suppliers, with many forging new links which they hope to convert into work. This year's Oktoberfest also included the Automotive and Manufacturing Advanced Practice (AMAP) North East Maintenance Forum; themed workshops with the British Standards Institute, LEC Consultancy and Fastems UK; and a panel debate with business experts from around the North East.

David Land, Chairman of the County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network (CDEM), which organises Oktoberfest, said: "We introduced a number of new elements to this year's event, including the themed workshops and panel debate, and the feedback we've had from attendees is that they really worked."

"There was such a positive buzz around the Xcel Centre throughout the day and the exhibitors I spoke to were very encouraged by the new contacts they made, which is what Oktoberfest is all about. "The challenge for us now is to make next year's event - Oktoberfest's 10th birthday - even bigger and better and the team is already looking at how we do that."

The panel debate involved Liz Mayes from the EEF; John Bignall from The Bignall Group; Tom Dower of the new UTC in Newton Aycliffe; Roger O'Brien from AMAP at the University of Sunderland; Colin Bell from the North East LEP; and Matt Atkinson from Nine Software, who debated the issues affecting the North East's business community.



Exhibitors also spoke about why Durham Oktoberfest is so important.

Nick Baley, managing director of Bowburn engineering firm ALTEC, added: "For us, Oktoberfest has got better every year, and it's matched our growth - as we've got bigger, so has this event."

"It's become a fantastic platform because there are so many different sectors represented here, and we provide for so many different sectors, so it's a win win."

Bill Earlie, area manager for Hexagon - a precision measurements company which operates across the UK - said: "For us Durham Oktoberfest is all about supporting local businesses, and our key audience is the North East. This event has helped us no end."

Durham Oktoberfest 2017 is on Thursday, October 19th, and full details will be announced in the coming weeks. For more information visit durhamoktoberfest.org.uk



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MHT Drags them in at Darlington's New Theatre

Visiting the Majestic Theatre in Darlington for the first time last week to see the



Paul Burnham - Guapatina

touring MHT Show was quite an experience. The former Odeon Cinema has been transformed offering an alternative venue to the Civic Theatre for local and touring entertainment groups, both professional and amateur. The Theatre has a bar, a large stage and very comfortable tiered seating. The sound and lighting provided is of a very high standard. The MHT show was well received last Friday night and the performers, three drag artistes and two male dancers, received fantastic applause from an appreciative audience.

It was funny, and very cleverly produced with amazing costume changes throughout the performance, and lots of audience participation. A couple of men on the front row were targeted by the man dressed up as a woman with amusing and at times embarrassing innuendo. Paul Carroll known as "Mrs T" led the show and is a very talented comedian, dancer and musician who started performing at the age of three. He has been the creative driving force behind Musical Hall Tavern for 20 years and has great support from Paul

Burnham and Grant Koper along with back stage team. The one night Show was produced by Geoff Hindmarch of Newton Aycliffe formerly of the Aycliffe Operatic Society and Showcase Entertainments International who along with his late Mother Val, have run lots of successful productions in Aycliffe and beyond. Geoffrey is Tour director for MHT in the UK who already have a very busy 2017 season covering the whole country. To the credit of this small company in just 2 years they have raised 100,000 Euros for Macmillan Cancer Support from donors who attend their show.



Grant Koper - Frankie



Paul Carroll - Mrs T

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It is good to report the Scooter Park is being enjoyed by our young people. Please note our AGM is to be held on Thursday 1st December at 6pm for the election of officers and committee members.

Monthly Talks at Heighington

The new series of fund-raising talks at St Michael's Church Heighington take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.0 p.m. Admission £2.50 to include tea/coffee and biscuits. The programme is as follows:-

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Hallowe'en Pumpkins



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AYCLIFFE BREWERY EXPANDS TO MEET DEMAND

DEMAND for craft beer made by a Newton Aycliffe brewery has resulted in it moving premises so it can dramatically increase production.

Steam Machine Brewing Company was only set up in 2015 and just over 12 months later, its owners Nick and Gulen Smith are now preparing for the official opening on Sunday 30th October of their second brewery.

Whilst the new premises are four times the size of their first brewery, they haven't moved far, in fact you could roll a barrel between the two buildings! They are now occupying Unit 14 of the IES Centre in Horndale Avenue, Newton Aycliffe.

Nick and Gulen will now be able to increase, by more than five times, the amount of beer they brew, taking them from 1,600 bottles to 9,100 bottles each week.

After the success of their first brew room, they have also included a new, larger room on the premises, enabling people to drink the beers in the same place they are made.

Nick, a former chemistry teacher, said: "The main reason for moving was to increase capacity as we had been running at maximum since early this year and we had simply not been able to keep up with demand for our beer from our trade customers. "Our beer is now being bought and sold across the UK, so by having bigger premises, not only will we be able to satisfy the demand for our current range of beers, it will also enable us to introduce newer beers."



Nick and Gulen were adamant that when they moved premises, they wanted to retain a brew room, which has become a popular destination for drinkers each weekend. Nick added: "The brewery is situated on a private industrial estate so people have to call us from the entrance gate to gain access."

"Despite the fact people need to make an effort to come to us, the brew room is always full, so we are delighted to have been able to retain it and actually make it even bigger." The Steam Machine Brewing Company's current core range of beers are an IPA, Double IPA, Earl Grey-infused IPA,

Red IPA, Treacle Toffee Stout, Saison Blonde and a Lapsang Souchong Smoked Porter. With more capacity, Nick and Gulen will now be able to expand the range further and add more seasonal beers. For further information, call 07415 75 99 45, email info@steammachinebrew.com or visit www.steammachinebrew.com

The official opening of the second Steam Machine Brewery will take place on Sunday 30th October, between noon and 7pm. People will be able to try and buy the full range of beers and there will also be live music and local gourmet food.

MIGHTY WURLITZER STAR AWARDS NIGHT

North East Theatre Organ Association are very excited to present the fabulous 2016 MIGHTY WURLITZER AWARDS on Thursday 17th November at 7pm in the New Victoria Centre, Howden-Le-Wear, Nr. Crook, DL15 8EZ which promises to be a Star Studded Spectacular, open to all, so come along and enjoy.

The "New Vic Allstars" will be showcasing the Mighty Wurlitzer in all its glory with magic sights and sounds playing a wide range of music to suit all.

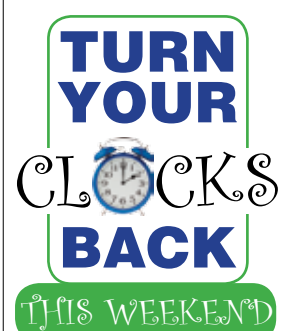
One Special young 17yr old Star is "LEWIS SCOTT" who has recently won the 2016 Young Theatre Organist of the Year at Barnsley. He will thrill everyone with his outstanding ability and musical talents on the Mighty Wurlitzer. Lewis is a NETOA member and has been encouraged to develop his musical talents at the New Victoria Centre travelling from Hull with his parents, well done Lewis, you are a star.

To complete the Galaxy of Stars shining at the awards night is fantastic 17yr old soprano "ROSIE KAT" who sings with the Newcastle Cathedral Girls Choir and

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which has the ever popular songs "A Spoonful Of Sugar, Jolly Holiday, Chim Chim Cheree". We are looking for young people aged 9 to 15 years who would like to be part of this production either Singing, Dancing or Acting. Any young people who would like to join or are a bit undecided, we would like to

invite them along to see one of the group's rehearsals. No commitment to join, just sit and watch one evening." The CATS group have a long history of performing not only musical productions, but entertaining at Fun Days, Fetes, Charity Shows, Care Homes, and Christmas Specials. For more information ring: 01325 313363 / 07747826324. You'll be glad you did.

TWO ARRESTED IN TOBACCO RAID

Two people have been arrested and more than 18,000 suspected illicit cigarettes and in excess of £8,000 seized following dawn raids in County Durham.

A woman in her late twenties and a man in his early 40's were arrested following Tuesday's raids at two houses carried out by Durham County Council with support from Durham Constabulary. The council's consumer protection officers seized 18,320 cigarettes and 40.3 kilos of hand rolling tobacco with an estimated street value of £9,500, alongside more than £8,000 in cash. The tobacco was believed to be either counterfeit or 'cheap whites' brands made especially for the illegal market.

Serious concerns have been expressed about the fire safety of counterfeit and 'cheap white' cigarettes. Recent tests have revealed that they are not usually made of the required retardant paper and so continue to burn long after they have been discarded, posing a significant fire safety hazard. Since April 2015 the council's consumer protection team has seized around 475,000 illegal cigarettes, nearly 70kg of illicit hand rolled tobacco and more than £50,000 in cash, in raids.



Joanne Waller, the council's head of consumer protection, said: "Thanks to the continuing wealth of intelligence from the public we continue to take robust action against the illicit tobacco trade in the county and reduce the harm it causes in our communities. "The people involved in this trade exploit members of their own community for personal gain and feed a network of criminals who do not care about the consequences of smoking. Anyone found guilty of supplying counterfeit tobacco could face up to 10 years in jail and unlimited fines. In addition, their assets may be seized through proceeds of crime action." Cheap cigarettes do not provide an incentive to stop

smoking and an average smoker can expect to pay almost £3,000 per year to feed their addiction. A lifelong smoker will spend a staggering amount of money on cigarettes, certainly

enough to buy a house. Health problems associated with smoking are well recognised, with it increasing the risks of a person developing lung cancer and disease. With expert help those looking to give up are four times more likely to succeed than those who try without support. Smokers who want to kick the habit can contact County Durham's smoking cessation team on 0800 7720565, text QUIT to 66777 or email: info@smokefreelife.durham.gov.uk.

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Aycliffe Care Home Staff on Memory Walk

Staff members from Rose Lodge care home and their families were among the 5000 people taking part in a record breaking memory walk for the Alzheimers Society on Saturday 8th October.

The South Shields-based 7km coastal walk, which will raise thousands of pounds for the Alzheimer's Society, has grown in popularity year-on-year and saw almost double the number of participants than last year's record-breaking event, making it the region's largest event of its kind.

Those taking part did so to help raise awareness and funds for UK charity group The Alzheimers Society, or to pay tribute to friends or



loved ones who have battled the condition and those living with it today.

Participating staff from the Rose Lodge, which offers residential care to the elderly including specialist care for people living with dementia, raised £178 to support the dementia charity. The home also held a memory café for residents and guests to raise additional funds and awareness for the charity group. Alzheimer's Society research shows 850,000 people in the UK have a form of dementia, around 35,000 of them in the North East.

In less than 10 years a million people will be living with the condition – and this will increase to two million by 2051.

Nicola Wheatley, Home Manager of Rose Lodge who also took part in the walk, said: "The atmosphere on the day was fantastic and we had a great time taking part

in the memory walk. The number of people affected by dementia is increasing each year so it's very rewarding to know that the money raised will go towards funding support services and research into the condition. Many of our residents are living with dementia and some of our residents and staff members have loved ones who are living with the condition so we thought that taking part in the memory walk was a great way to pay tribute to them whilst championing a very worthwhile cause."

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Rotary Club Praises Blood Bikes Volunteers

Every night of the year, whatever the weather, a group of dedicated and experienced motor-cyclists stands ready to deliver life-saving supplies of blood, medical supplies and equipment to NHS hospitals, healthcare sites and laboratories throughout North East England.

In the past 30 months, volunteer members of Northumbria Blood Bikes have answered 10,000 calls for help in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Darlington - and there's plenty of evidence that their commitment and skills have saved countless lives.

This week, Rotarians in Newton Aycliffe learned how the Northumbria Blood Bikes group came into being and were today making 'an amazing contribution' to emergency medical care in the region.

Rtn Angela Stevenson told guest speaker Michael Thompson, a rider and the group's Vice Chair: "You provide an absolutely fantastic service."

The group began live emergency courier operations in February 2014 with the declared intention of saving



time, saving money and saving lives. Before then, hospitals had to rely on taxis or couriers to transfer urgent medical supplies or test samples between hospitals and other sites. Not only was this expensive, it could also prove unreliable since taxis were not always available at times of peak demand.

Northumbria Blood Bike riders quickly went from strength to strength. Today, there are 570 volunteers, 300 of them riders - all advanced riding certificate holders or undergoing training to acquire the award.

Their distinctive, high-

powered motor-cycles can negotiate traffic congestion more easily than four-wheel vehicles and are much more economical. But the service they provide does not come cheap. It costs around £5000 per month with half of that amount spent on fuel. As well as nine motor-cycles, the group has four cars or vans (bikes can't be used to transport blood at temperatures below 3 degrees) and a display trailer to help with the vital on-going fund-raising events that ensure the group's survival.

The riders themselves receive no payment of any kind and no

charge is made for the services they provide for the National Health Service.

As well as their all-year-round, 7pm to 7am on-call service, group riders make daily deliveries of blood supplies to the two Great North Air Ambulance helicopters which enable patients to be treated at the scene of an accident. The 'Blood on Board' (BoB) service was first used within 24 hours of it being launched in

2015 and records show that 18 'unexpected survivor' patients are now alive thanks to the BoB initiative.

Michael (right) was introduced by Rtn Margaret Fenwick (pictured left) with club President Rtn Nora Scott.

Anyone wishing to support the work of the Northumbria Blood Bikes group can make a donation to Northumbria Blood Bikes, PO Box 344, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE6 9BQ

Council Staff Wear Body Video Cameras

Following a number of incidents Great Aycliffe Town Council have taken the decision to issue key council staff with body worn cameras. Dash-cams will also be introduced to council vehicles over the coming months.

The aim of providing the cameras is to improve the services Great Aycliffe Town Council provide to residents and users of the Town Council facilities whilst also safeguarding staff from potential false allegations and providing evidence of any incidents.

Certain front line members of staff will be carrying the camera while on duty including the Park Patrol Team. The cameras will be worn by the operatives at all times, however, they will only be activated when the operative considers there is the potential for a situation to become volatile or an incident has occurred. Body Worn Cameras from

30th October will be visible at all times with CCTV stickers prominently displayed. Council vehicles which are using cameras will also display CCTV signage.

Durham Police Authority has provided guidance on the implementation of the cameras and has provided operational training to users. If you would like to know more about this service improvement please contact Steve Cooper, Works and Environment Manager, Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.

Mayor's Charity Night

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Jed Hillary, would like to thank the Committee Members of the Phoenix Club for the help and assistance he received in the organisation of the "Charity Night" held on the 20th October. A special thanks must go to the Artists for their excellent performances and to Louise from the Restaurant for the delicious Pie and Peas.

The event was a huge success and an amount of £409.00 was raised for the Mayor's nominated charities which are The Rifles Care for Casualties, Aycliffe Village Hall Association and Newton

Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre.

The Mayor would like to thank everyone who supported the event and he hopes you had a very enjoyable evening.

Local History

'Aycliffe Village Local History Society is having a talk by Great North Air Ambulance on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall. All welcome Members £1 non-members £3 includes tea/coffee/biscuits.' Details on 01325 301093.

Author Visits Town Library

As part of Crime Month, author Stephen Booth will be visiting Newton Aycliffe Library on the 4th November at 11am for a chat about his books and writing. Tickets are £1 each, available now from the Library.

New Care Home St. Clare's Court, Newton Aycliffe

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Councillor Wants School on Vacant Site

Dear Editor
Following my initial correspondence of 03/08/16 REF- Elmfield School Site I have submitted a written response to DCC reference proposed usage of the site going forward as part of the 10 year plan. I would like to register my disappointment that to date I have received no formal written response at all to my submission, in writing made through the correct channels to DCC. And despite making 5 subsequent phone calls I am still yet to receive any detailed response in writing or by phone! In an effort to reiterate my position and to clarify the recommendations that were made by myself in the previous email, I am suggesting and campaigning for the Elmfield site to be utilised again for the purpose of a new School as this is what the area needs.

It has come to light that Cllr Mike Dixon and Cllr Hopper in addition to Cllr Adam are proposing the site be used for another Public Building when they are aware that DCC have suspended funding for the upkeep and maintenance of Public Buildings. There are also a number of existing public buildings in Newton Aycliffe that could be repurposed if indeed there is a need for additional venues to use for public services. As such I would hope that a response from DCC and the department of planning as to the current situation and any information on suggested usage proposals and indeed a response to my own proposal of 03/08/2016 could be expedited so that all aspects of the new proposals can be discussed before any decisions are reached. It is important we utilise tax payers money to benefit the

local community and provide what is necessary for the residents of Newton Aycliffe, this can only be achieved if all information is freely available and all solutions are discussed in full before any solutions are decided. Without a response to my initial email it is hard to understand the current situation and even harder to get the voices of alternative solutions heard. I hope therefore this will prompt a response from all concerned so that we may move forwards in this process. Alderman G C Gray

Councillor West Ward
Editor:
We submitted this letter to County Councillors for them to obtain a response and a fact sheet has been sent from County Hall to Councillor Gray showing that Aycliffe has a surplus of school places and a school on the Elmfield site is not required. They also said that officers are unable to reply to every individual letter and Councillor Gray's comments are included in the Council survey for consideration with all other responses received.

Crafter's Companion Marks 11th Birthday at Aycliffe Store

LEADING craft supplies company, Crafter's Companion, is inviting its customers to celebrate its 11th birthday during a special ten-day event at its flagship store in County Durham. The birthday celebration, which will run from Thursday 20th October until Sunday 30th October, includes a host of events and special offers to thank customers for their ongoing support.

Throughout the week a variety of mixed media, sewing, papercraft, interior and haberdashery workshops will be led by the in-store team. There will also be a special colouring workshop on Friday 21st October to celebrate the official launch of the Spectrum Noir Illustration products. Sara Davies MBE, who founded Crafter's Companion in 2005,



said: "This year has been absolutely incredible for us so far. We've opened our first ever retail outlets, moved our headquarters to Newton Aycliffe, taken on 45 new staff, moved our US office and warehouse to Santa Ana, launched a new website and I even got an MBE. It really has been a whirlwind. "We celebrate the anniversary of our very first product – the Enveloper – every year and 2016 is set to be our biggest birthday week yet. "We've been so humbled by the support we've received from the local community and of course our loyal crafters and this event is really about saying thank you. We hope people will come along, get involved with the workshops and have some fun!"

The birthday events will run between 10am and 4pm each day. For more information please visit www.craftercompanion.co.uk. To book a place at one of the events contact the store on 01388 742763 or book online at bit.ly/Aycliffe-classes. Special offers are set to include an introductory offer on the Spectrum Noir Illustration products, free postage and packaging, double loyalty points for Club Inspire members and a free gift with each purchase. Crafter's Companion specialises in manufacturing, distributing and retailing crafting tools and products, which are currently sold online via its website, on TV shopping channels across the world, through hundreds of independent retailers and in its own outlets in Newton Aycliffe and Chesterfield.

Photo Competition

Bishop Auckland Photographic Society is running a photographic competition with a theme of Winter or Christmas, in conjunction with Newton News. The winner will receive a free membership to the club (currently worth £35) and an A4 print of their image which will also be featured in the Newton News. Pictures should preferably be less than 2MB to standardise for judging, but we can do this if necessary. Send your pictures to john.morris600@btinternet.com by the closing date of December 31st and the winner will be announced the following week.

Aycliffe Family Helps 'CF' Children's Ward



Angela Williams went into the The James Cook University Hospital with her family to present goods to the Children's Ward where her 12 year old daughter Hollie is treated for Cystic Fibrosis. Right is Mike Williams, Hollie, Thomas and Angela Williams presenting goods to staff Pat Cole, Hue Flannigan, Dawn McCabe, Shirl Ward and Pauline Singleton. With the money they raised from their Bake Sale at Tesco Newton Aycliffe, they purchased a big comfy chair, blankets, pillows, sweets and an Xbox game for the children who are treated at the hospital to make their visit more comfortable.

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Plea to Dog Owners

Dear Sir,
Just over a year ago, I retired from Durham Constabulary as an Inspector after 30 years' service. Shortly afterwards, I rescued a half Staffordshire Bull Terrier, half Labrador, Millie, from the Dogs Trust at Sadberge. In the past year, I have lost 15 stones in weight, mainly through walking round our great town with Millie, found some great places I'd never been to in my 30+ years in Newton Aycliffe and met some really friendly people. Unfortunately, as is often the case, there is a but. I have also met some real fools, many of whom, I am ashamed to say are fellow dog owners. I believe dogs should be dogs and that where safe they should be allowed off lead and allowed to socialize with other dogs when their owners agree. I have trained Millie to completely ignore other dogs and people on one word of command, "leave". My reward for this approach has been all too often to be verbally abused. I have also had other dog owners pick up their dogs and several have even turned tail (excuse the pun) and ran away. I have tried to brush this off but at 10.40am, this morning, I hit the straw that broke the camel's back, as I was walking in an area of open space from Rope Moor Way towards the shops at Cobblers Hall. Millie was walking alongside me off lead, having had the command, when I noticed a young lady with 3 dogs on leads

— ironically one of which was a muzzled, pure bred Staffie — who, on seeing us, stepped to the side off the pavement to a distance of about 10 yards. I reassured her that Millie was fine, but she said that her Staffie was not and would bite Millie and, possibly, me if we got too close.

I suggested this was a training issue and she agreed, but said it was hard with three dogs. A perfectly civil conversation you might think, as I did, but at this point an older woman, with one dog on a lead, came round the corner and told me to stop threatening the younger woman and that she was going to report me for not having my dog on a lead. (This is not required if the dog is under full control).

I was then subjected to verbal abuse from them both. The younger woman calling me "a f*****g old man", it was the old that hurt most as I have worked very hard to get fit, and the older one saying I was just the type to own a Staffie. She obviously hadn't spotted what the other party had with her! Well, if being a retired Police Officer with compassion and, dare I say it, common sense is the type, I plead Guilty as charged! I know however that there are many great dog owners and people in this town, so come on the rest of you, let your dogs be dogs. You never know, it might have the added benefit of making you better human beings.

George Osborne

Premier League Ref Visits Bishop Auckland

Premier League Referee, Jon Moss, will be guest speaker at the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association next month. Jon, 45, will visit the Association's meeting on Thursday 17 November 2016 at The Manor Public House, Cornwall Road, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6UR starting at 7pm. Entry is free. One of the Premier League's 17 'Select Group' referees, Jon lives in West Yorkshire but was born in Sunderland. He qualified as a referee in 1988. He was promoted to the Select Group in 2011 after working his way through the Northern Counties East and Northern Premier Leagues. He was promoted to the Football League Referee list in 2005 and in 2015 refereed the FA Cup Final between Arsenal and Aston Villa. Terry Farley MBE, of Newton Aycliffe Secretary of Bishop Auckland Referees' Association, said: "We are very much looking forward to Jon visiting us on 17 November and hope to have a good turnout to hear about Jon's career and experiences officiating in the Premier League. Everyone is welcome to come along — whether you're a current or retired referee or simply someone who enjoys football and would like to hear about the experiences of one of our top flight officials." For further information, contact: Terry. farley71@uwclub.net Tel: 313647

Civic Visit to Solar Farm

A field full of giant solar panels might seem a strange place to be on an overcast Autumn morning but that didn't prevent two MPs, several councillors and around thirty local people from turning up to hear how climate change affects us all. From floods in the north-east of England to hurricanes in Haiti and droughts in sub-Saharan Africa, the catastrophic impacts of climate change are regularly in the news and we're all aware of the suffering they cause. Yet even though we know all about the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, it sometimes seems there's little we can do beyond keeping our heads down and hoping for the best.

Catholic Overseas Aid charity, CAFOD, believes otherwise. As David Cross, CAFOD Community Participation Co-ordinator, explained, "Although each change we might make — switching lights off for example — might seem small in itself, together it all adds up. If we are calling on politicians to cut emissions and support sustainable energy, then our words will be much stronger if we commit to achieving the same goals in our own lives."

Nicol Perryman, Manager Director of Windward Renewables, and the event organiser agreed: "At the Parish Climate Change Conference in December, our government agreed to work with 194 other nations to limit global temperature rises to below 1.5°C. If we all work together, then we really can make a difference."

The event was held at Newton Aycliffe solar farm, a renewable energy facility built and managed by Lightsource, Europe's largest developer of solar photovoltaic projects. It was part of a nationwide campaign organised by the Climate Coalition to encourage our politicians to make good on its promised in Paris. In fact Theresa May has already announced that her government will start work on ratifying the agreement but the Climate Coalition wants to make sure includes robust measures to promote sustainable transport, provide warm homes for all and invest in the development of green energy supplies.

The organisers greatly welcomed the involvement

of MPs Phil Wilson and Helen Goodman as well as Jed Hillary, Mayor of Great Aycliffe and other local councillors, who took time out from their busy schedules to attend the event and show their support for renewable energy in the UK.

So, what links a solar farm in Newton Aycliffe with a smallholder farm in Nigeria and why are an overseas aid charity involved? David Cross of CAFOD again: "We believe that climate change is the biggest single threat to reducing poverty overseas. Current projections suggest that over the next 20 years up

to 200 million people will be at risk of hunger if the planet sees the possible 2 to 3°C rise in temperature. Switching to renewable energy, such as that generated here at Newton Aycliffe can really help. But schemes like this can also point the way in how energy should be provided in the developing world. One in five of our brothers and sisters around the world don't have the electricity they need to power school, clinics, homes and businesses. Local, renewable energy is a practical, affordable solution. It helps tackle climate change and poverty."



left to right; Helen Goodman MP, Town Mayor Jed Hillary, Councillor John Clare, Phil Wilson MP, Sarah Cain is holding the sun.

Commissioner Wants 50p Minimum Drink Unit

The Scottish Court of Session has ruled today in favour of the introduction of a minimum unit price for alcohol. County Durham and Darlington's Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Ron Hogg, has been campaigning for minimum unit pricing in England since coming into office in 2012. Ron commented: "I am delighted that that the Scottish Government has achieved the go-ahead to introduce minimum unit pricing north of the border. I hope that the UK Government will now feel able to adopt a minimum unit price in England and Wales."

Ron added: "Alcohol is the drug which causes the most harm in our society, and that drinking excessively can cause terrible health problems for people. It is also behind many of the crimes which we see on our streets, and in people's homes. It is a major factor behind violent behaviour and domestic abuse, for example. "Whilst a minimum unit price would not put a stop to these kinds of crimes, I believe that it would limit the amount of alcohol consumed. Modelling by Sheffield University suggests that a minimum unit price of 50p in Scotland would lead to 60 fewer deaths per year, 1300 fewer hospital admissions, and 3500 fewer crimes after one year".

Family Butchers Celebrate 30th Year



Left to right: Lee Slater, Sean Haigh, Billy Slater and Bill Slater

W. Slater & Sons butchers in the Thames Centre is celebrating 30 years in business on 11th November and to mark this occasion they are offering all of their customers the chance to win their Christmas dinner! For every purchase throughout November you will be given a raffle ticket which will be put into a draw and the winner announced at the beginning of December.

The prize will consist of a turkey crown, sausage meat, streaky bacon, and all of the usual traditional vegetables plus stuffing, all you need to do is collect and cook it! The winner will be announced in the shop window and on Facebook, this is a great prize and won't be repeated for another 30 years!

Bill Slater the proprietor began his career as a butcher when he left school at 15 years old and joined Dewhurst. He served his apprenticeship and qualified as a Master Butcher. At the age of

30 he opened the shop with his ex business partner which was then called Thames Butchers, now he is joined by two of his sons, Lee who is also a butcher and Billy whose passion in life is baking, especially bread. Bill's wife, Carole does the accounts and deliveries, so it's a proper family concern. A lot of things have changed in the intervening years, everything is now made freshly on the premises, no bought in pies or delicatessen. Sausages are one of Lee's specialities and he often experiments with different flavours, and Billy does likewise with his delicious bread. The business has weathered many storms over the last 30 years, but thanks to it's loyal customers is able to enjoy this special day and would like to thank them all by giving them the chance to win this super prize. Contact for more detail: 01325 321608

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Students Raise £170 for Charity

A gigantic Cake Sale has been organised at Woodham Academy to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Year 7 students worked in teams to plan and deliver the event during lunchtime on Thursday 20th October as part of a learning project. Students have been learning about four key skills in their weekly Woodham Learning class; Resourcefulness, Resilience, Reflection and Respect.

The cake sale is an annual event led entirely by students. Teams had to think about who will be making the cakes, the cost of ingredients, delivering the cakes to school, as well as preparing for the sale itself.

They also had to think about the organisation of stalls, presentation, money float and managing sales and demand.

Among the twenty plus stalls there were creepy coffin cupcakes, scary spider slices, favourites such as butterfly cakes and double chocolate sponge cakes as well as cake pops, brownies and biscuits.

Head of Learning for Year 7, Mrs McGinney, said; 'The charity cake sale is always



a brilliant success. Our Year 7 students have made an excellent effort with all aspects of the Sale. The hall was bustling during lunch time which shows how well received the event is by staff and students at Woodham Academy.'

The cake sale raised £170 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Did You Know the Late June Bennett?

June died almost thirty years ago from cancer when she was just 38 years of age and her husband is arranging a Memorial Service followed by a social event to remember her and celebrate her life. This event will be by invitation only and held in December of this year. Invitations with full details of date, time and venue will be sent out on November 21st 2016.

Did you go to school with her? Were you a member of the same netball team? Do you remember her from the Beveridge Roller Dance and

Figure Skating Club, Lee Green Dance School or St Clare's Church? You may have been a friend from one of her places of work, for example GEC or Howards, Blundels or Wilson-Tupholme.

If you are interested in attending please write (enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for reply) giving all your contact details and information as to how you knew June, to:
BOX NUMBER JBN14 c/o Newton Press, Blue Bridge Centre, St Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6DS.



Irresponsible Parking



Dear Editor

Further to the letters you have received from other annoyed drivers regarding irresponsible parking, the person who parked irresponsibly outside my property last night must definitely take the biscuit.

The car was parked there most of the day and all night and was still there this morning, totally blocking access to my garage (see attached photo). My neighbour also had to be extremely careful when she was putting her car away.

As a result of this, I was unable to put my car in the garage and had to leave it out all night. Apart from that, I couldn't even leave it parked outside of my garage due to the fact that the car involved was parked

on an angle with it's back end jutting out into the road.

As that road is very busy due to it being the only way in to the McColls shop at the bottom of the street the cars were having to steer between that car and mine and to miss hitting its rear end were getting very close to my car.

Therefore I had to park over the road to avoid the possibility of getting my car damaged. Goodness knows how that person expected the big articulated lorries that frequently go to the shop to get through.

I did leave a note on the driver's windscreen asking them not to park there again so I hope they take notice.

Irene Serena Wilkinson



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Deadline for Secondary School Applications

Parents in County Durham are reminded that the deadline is looming to apply for secondary school places for their children. Applications for the next academic year, which starts in September 2017, need to be made by 31 October 2016.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "We know that education is one of the most important aspects of a young person's life, and that for parents the decision of where to send their children is a big one.

"In our county we benefit from many schools with superb facilities and dedicated, talented staff, and we hope that through our admissions system mums and dads can express their preferences which they believe will ensure their children enjoy a happy and successful continuation of their school career."

Applications can be made online, at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or by post.

Forms can be requested by phoning 03000 265896 or by writing to the School Admissions and Transport Team at Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ.

If posting, the forms should be sent back using signed for or special delivery services. Offers of places will be made to parents on 1 March 2017.

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Thursday 3rd November 2016

Wristbands are available from Reception between 10.00 am until 9.00 pm

Further information is available from Rachel Goddard, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Oak Leaf Sports Complex, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. tel no. 01325 300600.



County Newsbits

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John Clare

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- June's Worklessness figures: bit.ly/Unemployment616
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- Why doesn't DCC use its reserves to avoid cuts: bit.ly/DCCreserves
- Business Durham's Simon Goon explains how our economy can grow: bit.ly/BDhoeg
- DCC scores 6/6 for its work on fuel poverty: bit.ly/DCCHWBB6
- Last week's GAMP Employment Task Group meeting: bit.ly/GAMP1016
- Last week's Town Council Policy & Resources Committee: bit.ly/GATCPR1016
- Latest local roadworks information for the Newton Aycliffe area: bit.ly/roadworks281016
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COMMUNITY

- The deadline for secondary schools applications for next year is 31 October: bit.ly/SAdeadline
- Norman Cornish exhibition at Greenfield Arts ends 9 November.
- 'Wise Drive' (run from the Workplace, Aycliffe Business Park) relaunched: bit.ly/WD1016
- Livin planning applications: bit.ly/livin1016
- Footprints march for the NHS: bit.ly/Footprints1016
- Open Day at Aycliffe Solar Farm: bit.ly/ASFOD
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- Free Locomotion Way Walk leaflets: bit.ly/LWLeaflets
- Boost your new state pension: bit.ly/BYSPPLM
- NETPark's Kromek is countering 'dirty bombs' – wow! bit.ly/NPKdb

£3.5million Care Home Opens in Newton Aycliffe

This weekend (29th October) a new purpose-built care home opens its doors to the public for the first time at its Open Day in Newton Aycliffe.

The 58 bedroom, purpose-built Helen McArdle Care home is located on Central Avenue in the town's centre, and will employ over 50 staff from the local area. The home will provide residential, dementia and respite care, and has been designed to offer a unique living space, purpose-built to ensure that residents have a high quality of life and that they receive the very best care. Facilities include: ensuite bedrooms with shower and some with doors out into the garden, a hair and beauty salon, a community room and



beautiful landscaped gardens. Heading up the team at St. Clare's Court is Andrea Blades, who has extensive experience of managing care homes, she said: "I am thrilled to be managing St. Clare's Court and I am excited to have been given the opportunity to commission my first new care home. We have received a really warm welcome from everyone in the community and I am really looking forward to meeting

everyone at the open day."

The St. Clare's Court open day is this Saturday between 12pm and 4pm.

"We welcome everyone to come and have a tour around our new home and to find out about our plans for the future. I have a great team behind me at St. Clare's Court and we can't wait to welcome our first residents." Upcoming community events at St. Clare's Court includes monthly coffee mornings, a Christmas Fair and an Elf Day to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Helen McArdle Care provides residential, dementia, nursing, respite and home care throughout the North East of England. In August this year Helen McArdle Care was the first care provider in the UK to achieve four outstanding CQC inspections; the national average for outstanding CQC inspections is one in 200 care homes and Helen McArdle Care has four out of 17. Company founder and chairman, Helen McArdle, was awarded a CBE in 2015 for her services to the care industry and the local community. Helen McArdle Care will be opening two new care homes in the next six months in Jesmond and Peterlee.

Aycliffe to Install More Defibrillators

The Rotary Club, in co-operation with Newton News, is pursuing their aim to encourage the

purchase of more public Defibrillators and having provided them at Tesco's and Moore Lane Sports Club is in touch with schools and public buildings to list the location of this life-saving equipment throughout the town and on the Business Park.

The idea is to get everyone to share their defibrillator in an emergency and having a list will inform everyone where the nearest equipment is available.

It is good news to hear the message is getting across and schools, churches and community centres are appealing for funds to provide cover in their areas.

There has been great success in this campaign with local surgeries offering access to their machines.

Newton News will be publishing a list for readers to cut out and keep as a reference.

The Rotary Club have a defibrillator which is available to organisations holding a public event and wish to cover this under Health & Safety - please contact Syd Howarth at Newton Press on 300212.

No one need be afraid of using these machines which when switched on will guide the user through the life-saving procedure. No harm can ever be inflicted on the patient as the machine detects the problem and will not operate unless it is needed.

It is vitally important a patient suffering a heart attack receives defibrillation, if required, within EIGHT minutes, or their chance of survival is reduced. If any reader knows the location of a defibrillator which can be made available and shared in an emergency, please contact syd@newtonnews.co.uk Telephone: 01325 300212 or after hours 320901.

Royal Thanks to Care Home Residents



Residents of Rose Lodge Care Home were thrilled when a card and letter from Buckingham Palace arrived after they sent the Queen a homemade birthday card and letter to commemorate her official 90th birthday.

Residents crafted a handmade birthday card and wrote messages of best wishes before sending it back in March as part of the home's celebrations of the Queen's 90th birthday which included a Royal Street Party.

The accompanying letter, sent by The Queen's Lady in Waiting, Reads: "Her Majesty is most grateful for your good wishes, and greatly appreciated the care taken to create such a lovely card especially for the

Queen."

Care Manager Nicola Wheatley said: "We were so pleased to receive such a lovely thank you letter. The royal family are very important to many of our residents here and we enjoy sending our best wishes for special occasions. We've had several replies from Buckingham Palace and have created a display in our reception so that they can show the letters and cards we've received to their families and guests. We're very proud to have friends in such high places!"

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WOODHAM ACADEMY IN ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

Woodham Academy has been chosen from 196 schools across the country to take part in the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge – an exciting national robotics challenge that will see students involved in “space missions”. The Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge

introduces student teams to real-world engineering, technology, robotics and computing challenges. The challenge aims to help students put their school learning into context and discover exciting new careers. The students can take inspiration from British

astronaut Tim Peake as they start on a journey of discovery that could propel them to regional heats and the national final, giving them the chance to win great prizes.

Woodham Academy will receive free LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Education EV3 STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) resources worth £2,000. The school's student team will learn how to build, program and control these autonomous LEGO robots to complete a series of short, exciting space missions, demonstrating the skills they've learned at challenge events held around the country. They will also research, design, plan and present their own solution to a contemporary scientific problem - developed by LEGO Education with NASA.

The students will develop valuable skills through the challenge as they devise strategies, work in a team, develop research skills and build their self-confidence.

Research from EngineeringUK, who run the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge, shows that communicating engineering careers to young people is vital for the future of the British economy.

Chief Executive of EngineeringUK Paul Jackson said: “In order to meet the country's demand for engineers we need to double the number of graduates and apprentices entering the engineering industry.

“Programmes such as the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge aim to help young people from all backgrounds understand the variety, excitement and opportunity presented by a career in engineering.”

Woodham Academy Science Teacher, Mr Jenkins and Computer Science Teacher, Mrs Lind said: “We're excited to have been selected for the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge.

We think taking part will not only be great fun, but will also really benefit our students, highlighting the link between their school subjects and the rewarding future careers that these subjects could lead to. “We're looking forward to assembling our team of space engineers and learning how to complete the space challenges together.”

For more information on the EEP Robotics Challenge visit www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/Robotics.

Photographic Club Meeting

Bishop Auckland Photographic Society meets each Monday evening from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 at St Ann's Church Centre, Market Place, Bishop Auckland.

On the 31st October there is a member's evening with short slide shows on a range of subjects from individuals On November 7th there is a club knock out competition. New members and guests are all welcome to come and see what we do. The evenings close with tea biscuits and informal discussion.

Contact John Morris (club secretary) 07753 178682 for more details.

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Photographic Exhibition at Greenfield Gallery

Alan Clements bought his first digital camera in 2001 and since then his passion for photography has really taken off. Now he is working hard to prepare for Themes and Variations - an exhibition of



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Remember, remember the 5th of November as its movie time at St. Clare's Flicks. Showing The Little Vampire Movie at 2pm, plenty of time before the bonfire celebrations begin.

Featuring Richard E Grant and Jonathan Lipnicki (of Stuart Little fame) this is a fun filled family movie all about a little boy whose best friend is a bat! Great value tickets at only £1, and we will serve hot chocolate with marshmallows and a cake for only 50p, as well as the usual sweets and crisps. So start the afternoon off with all your friends, in the warm enjoying this film - doors open 1.30pm. Grown-ups are welcome to stay or may return after an hour to themselves at 3.30pm when the film finishes. Contact details are Youth/Children St.Clares Facebook page.

Councillor Engagement

Aycliffe North & Middridge

County Councillors John D Clare, Mike Dixon and Joan Gray will be holding a 'ward walkabout' in the Horndale area on Thursday 10 November, starting from Hallington Head at 1pm.

It is hoped that wardens, police and a representative from livin will be present, and you are invited to come along to show us any areas of concern.

We will also be holding a Councillor Surgery on Tuesday 15 November, 10:30-11:30am in Woodham Community Centre, at the same time as the PACT drop-in there.

Alternatively, please inform us of issues by emailing:

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Sports Academy Induction



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Woodham Sports Academy members and receive their contracts. Membership within the Sports Academy is reliant upon not only sporting skill but also conditions set out

in the students' agreements. Woodham Sports Academy Director, Mr Clough, said: "The sporting contract is important as it gives students clear boundaries to work within for achievement in their subjects, maintaining high performance levels as well as following the Academy's behaviour policy. We believe that through sport we can target students to improve academically as sport instils certain values and beliefs that are needed to be successful".

The Sports Academy competes regularly at regional, national and international levels, working with partners including; Camp Cody in the USA, Durham County Cricket Board, The British American Football Association, Sedgfield Water Polo Club, Northumbria University, Durham Wildcats, The Tony Blair Sports Foundations, The Joanne Banks Dancers, England Rugby Football Union, English Golf Foundation, Premier Player Football Academy and Seconds Out Boxing Club. Woodham Academy has already seen the benefit of the Sports Academy, with over 250 students attending extracurricular clubs in the last two years. Not only have sporting academies flourished but so have students' results and achievements. Most recently, Year 11 Sports Academy students' results have been outstanding with 72% of the last two cohort of students achieving 5A* - C including English and Maths. This is evidence that sport is having a positive impact on students' achievements, aspirations and drive to succeed, as well as: results improving, sport academy student's attendance, behaviour and effort is also significantly better.

LOCAL SPORT

Learn Self Defence & Stop Bullying

A Newton Aycliffe Martial Arts club, Kim Chung Do Kwan, are using their training and knowledge to give back to the local community. Our aim is to engage children who are or have been victims of bullying to enter a Martial Arts environment which will help them build confidence, learn self defence, socialise positively and feel safe.

The 5 week course is aimed at Newton Aycliffe children who are in full time education and suffer from low self esteem or lack confidence. As Martial Artists we want to stamp out bullying, by offering this opportunity to those who have been victims to bullying/peer pressure/intimidation. Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis. The aim of Martial Arts Vs Bullying is to provide free Martial Arts sessions for those in need to do this we have applied to the Aviva Community Fund. Therefore we are asking the people of Aycliffe to log on to www.

avivacommunityfund.co.uk and vote for the "Martial Arts Vs Bullying" project. Full details of our project aims are available on the site. Your vote will help us secure the funding necessary to help more Newtonians live happier and healthier lives. Any support you can provide this project would be greatly appreciated. For more information on this project, or Kim Chung Do Kwan Martial Art, please contact Master Hannah Hatfield on 0775333168 or email kimchungdokwan@gmail.com. Or check out our website www.kimchungdo.co.uk.



Aycliffe MMA Fighter European Champion



Lewis Harrop, 20, from Newton Aycliffe, won the European title at 62kg in Mixed Martial Arts. The young fighter beat his French opponent in the first round with a knock out at Willington, near Crook. Lewis first took up fighting to improve his overall fitness. Lewis trains at Viper MMA Club in Newton Aycliffe and said the roar of the home crowd definitely helped secure

victory. "There was a great crowd and to fight and win at home is something special," he said. The support from his sponsors Tomohawk Fight Wear and Dim Mak Fight Wear had been vital. "I am really pleased with the support I get and it makes all the difference in training and before the fight." The 'Last Man Standing' venue was fitted with a 20ft cage, top referees, medics and judges.



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Aycliffe Lose 4 - 0 in 4th Defeat in a Row

Aycliffe slumped to a 4th successive league defeat, when they were well beaten at home to Ashington. The first 20 minutes were fairly even with Ashington having slightly the better start. They made that pay when they went 1-0 up in the 23rd minute. Ben Harmison used his height to good advantage, heading in a cross from Luke Salmon. Ashington doubled their lead on the half hour when the Aycliffe defence missed a looping cross, giving Scott Dunn the easiest of tap-ins at the far post. 0-2 remained the scoreline at half-time. Aycliffe fans hoping for a second half revival were to be disappointed, as they were sluggish again following the break. Ashington took full advantage, scoring a further two goals in the first 13 minutes. Aycliffe couldn't deal with Ben Harmison's height

and he nodded the ball into the path of David Dormand to head past James Winter. Dormand added his second just before the hour when he latched onto a pass over Aycliffe's back line and lobbed the ball over Winter. Aycliffe didn't let their heads go down and pressed Ashington back into their own half for long periods, but couldn't pull back a consolation goal. Dormand had a chance on the break for his hat-trick, but failed to convert. This was not the preparation Aycliffe wanted but they now begin their defence of the Durham Challenge Cup with a home game against Bishop Auckland. The game is on Tuesday 25th October, kick off 7:30pm. Aycliffe then return to league action for a trip to FA Vase champions Morpeth on Saturday.

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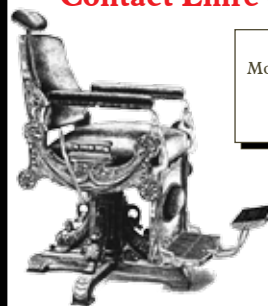
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early access to independent advocacy, specifically for people with mental health needs, who become a victim of crime. This support will assist the victim at key decision-making points during their journey across the criminal justice system. Ron Hogg, Durham's

Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner (PCVC) is committed to putting services in place that assist and enable people to cope and recover from the impact of the crime to help them regain control of their lives. Ron said: "Being a victim of crime can impact on many aspects of an individual's life. While the level of impact will vary depending on the type of crime and an individual's personal circumstances, victims of crime with mental

health needs are deemed to be significantly more likely to report adverse effects than the general population or people with other types of disability. "That's why I am delighted to appoint Advocacy Centre North to provide this specialised service across County Durham and Darlington." The new service is not intended to replace existing services, but will enhance support to those with mental health needs.

Jacqui Jobson, Direct of Advocacy Centre North, said: "Advocacy Centre North is delighted to be part of this service in County Durham and Darlington. We welcome the pioneering approach by Ron and his team, and their willingness to work with vulnerable victims of crime. We support vulnerable people each day to help them have a voice, access services and know their rights. "Recent work has shown that victims of crime with mental health needs are particularly disadvantaged within both society and the criminal justice system. Our service aims to help them understand the situation they face, weigh up their choices, make decisions, have their voices heard and overcome stigma." National and local research has identified the obstacles often faced by victims with mental health needs when attempting to navigate the processes involved in coping with the immediate aftermath of a crime, long term recovery and engagement with Criminal Justice System processes. The date for the commencement of the new service will be announced shortly.

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The NHS is currently undertaking a public consultation – ostensibly about improving services, but it has to save something like £350 million in our area. One of the services under threat is

Darlington A&E. Visitors to last week's engagement event in Newton Aycliffe town centre were somewhat reassured, but Bishop Auckland MP Helen Goodman has seen documents suggesting the closure of at

least one local hospital.

It is therefore clear that we need to defend our local NHS, and I was proud to take part in Sunday's 'Footprints' protest march from Darlington Memorial to Bishop Auckland Hospital. The Footprints marches are designed to demonstrate how damaging the loss of local services would be, by showing just how far it is from one hospital to another – a fact that my aching knees well appreciated by the end of the day!
John D Clare

Mad Concert

The very popular MAD Choir is performing a Concert at Neville Parade Community Centre on Friday 4th November – doors open at 6.30pm. Don't miss this sparkling Show with music to suit all tastes. There will be a Bar and tickets are only £3. All proceeds are in aid of the Community Centre funds and Chairman Bill Blenkinsopp told Newton News how grateful he was to this town choir who have helped numerous charities since they were formed.

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Aycliffe PCSO's Receive "WOW" Awards



PCSO Steven Gill receiving his WOW Award at Durham Police Headquarters from Deputy Chief Constable Dave Orford for outstanding customer Service. PC Simon Schofield, PC Mike Welch and PC Becky Ruck also received a WOW Award but could not make the event.

The WOW Award highlights the good work from Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team. PCSO Gill said "We join the job because we want to help people and make

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Mayor Jed Hillary with the Coffee Shop's first customers

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It offers an ideal meeting place for people to gather for lunch or enjoy their own brand of coffee. Business people can meet to discuss work in a relaxed environment as well as the general public who pass through.

The drive thru provides a great service for factory workers and employees of surrounding businesses to grab a quick bite or drink while on the move during their busy day.

EHL UK, a successful Building Maintenance and Facility Service Company and Gym, have provided this new amenity and have transformed the site from what was a derelict building to a very attractive site.

The first customers of the Coffee Shop was the Woodward family on their way home to Doncaster after visiting Aycliffe. They were very impressed by the friendly staff, shop layout, quality of food and beverages.



Police are appealing for information after a large quantity of insulation sheets (used for cavity wall and floor insulation) were stolen from a building site in Newton Aycliffe.

The theft occurred overnight on Tuesday 18th October at the Chapter Homes building site on Woodham Way.

30 Recitel Insulation sheets were stolen by unknown persons, in which a vehicle would have been needed to transport items of this size and quantity.

Anybody with any information, should contact Durham Police on 101 and request to speak to PC 2687 Jamie PITT.

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Aycliffe Teenage Dancer 3rd in UK Finals



Huge congratulations to Georgia Thelwell of Aycliffe Village who attends Stepping Out with Clare Walton Dance School, who was placed 3rd in the UK Dance Elite Finals in London this weekend.

Georgia danced her way to the final from over 1000 entries down to the final 22 which is a huge achievement in itself. She performed a lyrical solo piece "Autumn Leaves" choreographed by Clare Walton which was a flawless performance.

The feedback from the judges one of which was Natalie Lowe from 'Strictly Come Dancing' who gave Georgia a standing ovation' said she was blown away by her talent for her age. They said her technical ability for her age was phenomenal and that she adored her. It was such amazing feedback from the industry professionals!

Georgia works very hard training 7 days a week and her dream is to become a professional dancer one day! With achievements like this under her belt at just 13 yrs old she's well on her way to

making her mark! Her family and teachers are very proud, as are all her peers from Stepping Out with Clare Walton. Such amazing talent from our town! Well done Georgia!

In Memoriam

OLIVE MCCABE 30/10/15. One year has passed and it doesn't get any easier. We all still love and miss you. Pete, Pam, Natasha, Emma and Families

JANET JACKSON 29th October 2009. Words are few, thoughts are deep. Memories of you will always keep. Loved forever. Brian, Sarah, Stephen, Robert, Naomi, Joshua, Amanda and Ian

RAY PATTISON 1st November 2014. Great memories of a dear friend. Neil, Ann and family

KENNY FORSTER Died 27th October 1999. 17 years ago on this awful day, my dear Husband Kenny passed away. We give thanks for the good times, which were many and ask you dear Lord to look after our Kenny. Your loving Wife Valerie and family xxx

JOAN SPARK 15/8/1935 to 29/10/2015. One year has gone since you left us. We had 61 wonderful years together. I miss you every single day Joan. The girls are looking after me, remembering my darling Wife. Love forever, Joe

JOAN SPARK Our beautiful Mam. 29-10-2015. In our rose garden of memories we see you standing there An angel in disguise who taught us how to care. We long to hear your voice for real, not only in our dreams, we miss you so much every day. How empty our world seems. People say time heals all wounds, that some day the pain will subside, but Mam, we can tell you we think they must have lied. The emptiness we are feeling now is so strong and we are weak, these days go by without you so dreary and so bleak. In our rose garden of memories we know you will always be, for though you're gone from this mortal world, in our hearts you will stay forever. Miss you, love you always and forever Mam. Janet, Barrie, Jo-anne and Anthony xxxx

JOAN SPARK 29-10-2015. A special Grandma. Grandma we awake each morning to start a new day, but the pain of losing you never goes away. We go about our business and the things we have to do, but with every hour that passes we think of you. We want to call you and hear your voice, then we remember we do not have a choice. To say Grandma we love you and always will. We miss you so much Joanie. All our love, Emma, Craig, Katie, Chris, Jessica, Chloe and Evie xxxxx

Obituary

KENNETH BATEY Suddenly passed away, Ken, aged 86 years. Much loved Husband of the late Gwen; loving Dad of Kath and Chris; devoted Grandad to Heather and Helen. Would family and friends please meet for funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 3rd November at 1pm. Family flowers only please



Congratulations

Evelyn Edwards



Happy 78th Birthday (31st October 2016)

Happy birthday to the best and strongest Mam in the whole world. From your three Daughters, Laurie, Tracey, Leigh and all your family. Love you loads Mam xxxxx

Daniel Simmons



Happy 15th Birthday 31st October 2016

to a wonderful Son. We are proud of the young man you are becoming. Lots of love, Mum, Aunty Kath and Victoria

Thomas Burn



Happy 18th Birthday 28th October 2016

Congratulations and best wishes on your 18th birthday Thomas. Enjoy all your celebrations over the weekend. Lots of love, Grandma Alwyn xxx

Thomas Burn



Happy 18th Birthday 28th October 2016

Couldn't be more proud of the handsome, caring and clever young man you have become. All our love, Mam, Nigel, Lauren and Thomas xxxx

Obituary

Pat Hannah

My best friend, my soul mate, my Wife. After a short illness passed away on 19th October 2016. Forever in my heart. Beloved Mam to Karen and Ian; Nan to Lisa, Justin and Michael, Son-in-Law Simon and Daughter-in-Law Barbara

DOUBLE, Stan of Newton Aycliffe, passed away suddenly in hospital on 23rd October, aged 86 years, three days before his 87th birthday. Much loved Husband of Joan; devoted Dad of Anne, Elaine and Jeanette; Father-in-Law of Alan, Geoff and Graham; loving Grandad of Katie, Christopher, Joseph, Michael, Jonathan, Bradley and Jodie and Great Grandad to Rosie and Sky. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Tuesday, 1st November at 12.00p.m.

ROBERTSON, Norman aged 80 years young of Joicey Place, formerly Mellanby Crescent, died peacefully in his sleep at Darlington Memorial Hospital on Tuesday 25th October. Dearly loved Husband of the late Christine; much loved Dad to Dean and Grace; Father-in-Law to Michelle and Graham. Cortege to leave Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House at 1.30pm to travel via Mellanby Crescent and Joicey Place for a Humanist Funeral Service which will be held at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 2.00pm on Wednesday 2nd November. Would friends kindly meet at the Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers, would be gratefully accepted on behalf of Coronary Care Unit, Darlington Memorial Hospital and may be left in the basket at the Crematorium on leaving or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Acknowledgement

Pat Hannah

The Hannah family would like to record special thanks to Dr. Stephenson for his kindness and gentleness throughout Pat's illness. Thanks to Andrew and staff at John Meynell Funeral Service for their kindness and Revd. Kevin Leadsley for the Service

THE FAMILY of the late Peter Gallagher would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, condolences and support during such a difficult time. Special thanks to Sister Heather Brown and her team of District Nurses; staff at Jubilee Medical Centre and Supportive Care. Thank you to David Scott for his help and professionalism and to Father Whelan for a beautiful Service. Finally thank you to everyone who attended Peter's funeral and for donations to Macmillan, Butterwick Hospice and Marie Curie. He would have been very proud. Thank you, Sylvia, Andrew and Nicola

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 1st November features the drama "The Miracle Worker" Starring Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke. These two stars won Oscars for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress for their rolls, described as "Possibly the most moving double performance ever recorded on film". It tells the story of Helen Keller, blind and deaf after scarlet fever as a baby, about to be institutionalised as totally unmanageable. Annie, a no-nonsense half-blind young woman hired as governess and teacher is her last chance. Tea, coffee and juice will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, children £1, and the film starts at 1.15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 316755.

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Youth FC Football Results

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The football club has been at the forefront of providing football for girls as well as boys. Our very successful girl's teams are going from strength to strength but are always looking for new players to join in the fun.

Bishop St. Marys U10's Girls 0 - 1 NAYFC U10's Girls.

Another hard day at the office for the U10 girls, this week against Bishop Auckland. We started determined but Bishop seemed to defend with all their players. The girls worked hard to create as many runs as possible.

A long throw in by Keira found Imogen and she weaved her way through to score. Phoebe as strong as ever with Keira in defence allowed Ferne and Lily to build up the skills. Libby growing in confidence in goal kept a clean sheet, while Heidi, Chloe, Gracie and Eden kept the opposition busy. A good 0-1 win from the Aycliffe girls.

U12 Girls 4 - 1 Hartlepool Pools Youth.

After 2 defeats, another tough game for the girls today as they welcomed 2nd placed Pools. The first half showed Aycliffe can play with passing and pace.



They were getting into great positions but Hartlepool's keeper stood firm as Aycliffe created but didn't convert 4 excellent chances. However, on the break Pools looked dangerous but Macy, Olivia and Neve were on hand to stop any real chances HT 0-0.

Into the second half and the midfield of Alex and Kate were creating Aycliffe's attacks with Brook supporting out wide having the confidence to take on the full back, eventually Aycliffe got their breakthrough as Alex gets in being the Pools defence to score from a tight angle. Then Neve at the back finds Kate who slides it to Hattie 2-0. Laila and Lauren were working hard covering the ground out on the left, then against the run of play Pools grab a goal which lifted them.

But within 5 mins Hattie makes it 3-1 and as the game was nearly complete.

Aycliffe defended a corner and raced up the field passing as they went to leave Alex to score and take the points. FT 4-1, back to winning ways and a good all round performance.

Bishop St. Marys U12's Kings 0 - 5 U12's Eagles.

U12s Eagles were away on Sunday in a Division 1 clash with Bishop Auckland Kings. Aycliffe to their credit took control early on when Jack Clarkson sent a delightful corner ball to the back post where Kieran Walton blasted a header downwards into the back of the net.

From here on in the Aycliffe lads played with an intelligence beyond their years. Brennan Fitzpatrick controlled the midfield. Aycliffe also now have a striker who holds the ball up well and makes intelligent runs in Brandon Addy.

This all helped with the rest of the team playing total football. In the middle of all this Jack made a weaving run all the way through the midfield and around the keeper to make it 0.2. James Sear battled hard on the wing and got a reward for the team when he tackled hard winning the ball and the ball fell to Calum Whitfield who slotted home 0.3 HT

Team talk? Who needs one these days just keep doing what you're doing and keep making your own decisions. 2nd half Aycliffe started where they left off. Leon Patel & Louis Airey being very composed as wing backs.

Aycliffe's keeper Charlie Harrison is having his first season with the team and what a difference he has made bringing confidence to his defence.

Alfie Backhouse came on and worked hard and started a move that Calum Whitfield finished by scoring a goal that looked impossible at that angle. Even the referee said, "how did he get that in?". Brandon Addy got his reward after all his hard work by scoring shortly before the end to make it 0.5 Ft. Well done lads you are getting what you all deserve.

If you would like more information regarding our Community Status Chartered Standard youth football club, please visit our website www.nayfc.co.uk or contact the club secretary Berni Borsberry on 07939 045242.

Aycliffe Juniors Round-up

The weekend brought some fantastic footballing action from the Junior teams as the season progressed.

The Under 7's were again superb as they won 11-1 at Sunnydale against Billingham Synthonia. Every player was fantastic throughout the game and the scorers were Alex (4), Dylan (4), Thomas (2) and Lewis. In the second game both the scoring and effort continued in a 6-1 win. The mornings men of the matches were Dylan and Thomas.

The Under 9 Russell Foster league team had two games this weekend as their first mini season was concluded. First up were Spennymoor but the team didn't really get started and had few chances, they conceded a goal either side of half time and lost 2-0. Lucas was the man of the match. Next up were Washington who had already won promotion, but a great performance and goals for Lucas and Jake saw them overcome a two goal deficit to draw 2-2. Jake Smith was the man of the match.

The Under 9 TJFA side had a comprehensive 8-1 win against the previously unbeaten Mount Pleasant Rangers. At half time it was 1-1 with Rhys' goal cancelled out by the visitors. The second half was superb from the lads and the goals were fired in by Harvey, Dom (2), another from Rhys and a Jayden hat-trick. The friendly game had more goals in a good win and the men of the matches were Jayden and Dominic.

The Under 10's faced Billingham Hornets at home, in an end to end first half Jake hit the bar but no goals were scored. Early in the second half Billingham scored twice. Aycliffe battled to get something from the game and Thomas scored. The equaliser didn't quite come despite late pressure and this game ended 2-1 to the visitors.

The Under 11 Russell Foster league team went down 5-0 at home against Cleveland Hall FC. It was truly a game of two halves as all 5 goals were conceded in the first half. The second half saw a much improved performance and no goals conceded but none scored. Taylor and Jake shared the man of the match award.

The Under 11 TJFA league side were in great form and scored eleven goals with no reply in a comprehensive league win against Spraire Lads. It was 6-0 at half time with Jake P getting the opener and Jake M adding the second. Lucas scored, then Jacob set Zack up for two goals before Jake M got his second and the teams sixth. In the second half Charlie scored twice, Evan got one from the penalty spot Lucas added another and Jake M finished off his hat-trick. As well as all the goals fine shots from Aaron, Harry, Lucas and Charlie struck the woodwork.

The Under 12's took their unbeaten record to league leaders Normanby, injuries depleted them to just the required nine players. Some brilliant defending was beaten by a goal at the end of the first half so Aycliffe turned round a goal down. Hillman's cracking left foot curling shot drew the game level, however Normanby managed to poke a



goal in for a 2-1 lead. Aycliffe pressed but could not find the equaliser and ended the game in defeat despite a spirited effort, Ted Dunn was the man of the match.

The Under 13's were at home against Hartlepool Youth. They conceded early but good team goals finished by Nathan and Olly reduced the arrears. The visitors dominated the second half, Olly added his second in consolation on a day when Nathan was man of the match.

The Under 15's won 6-3 at home to Great Ayton. Stoker's determined run and finish opened their account but the visitors equalised. A two goal lead was then established by half time with Stoker's second and Burrows scoring. Ayton scored again but the same dynamic duo of Stoker and Burrows put Aycliffe 5-2 up. An amazing two penalty saves from Sanderson Howes followed before man of the

match Stoker's fourth goal sealed the win.

The Under 17's suffered a series of circumstances leading to them facing Stockton with only 10 players. They worked hard and a Sam penalty kept them in the game at half time with the score at 1-1. The effort continued but they went behind and as the game went on the numerical disadvantage showed and they slipped to a 5-1 defeat. The ten players present ran themselves in to the ground with a fine effort.

The Under 23's travelled to South Shields and in a dominant display they were 3-1 up at half time. The goals came from P Howe, an Oliver penalty and McCloud's first goal for the club. They kept up the good form in the second half with M Howe and another Oliver penalty sealing a 5-1 win. Lochie Scott was deservedly awarded the man of the match by the referee.

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